



# Cambridge Police Department BridgeStat

June 2020

Produced by the Crime Analysis Unit



# Part I Total Crime

An analysis of serious crime statistics for the first two quarters of 2020 reveals a measured increase of 5% in the Part One index total for Cambridge when compared with 2019. Over the first six months of this year, there were 1,110 serious crimes reported in the City. For the same time period in 2019, the combined total for Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny & Auto theft was 1,054 incidents, 56 fewer than this year. When measured against the five-year average, a slight change of 1% has been registered, with 16 additional crimes recorded so far this year than the projected total of 1,094 incidents.

Further analysis of the crime totals for the first six months of 2020 indicates that violent crimes recorded a modest 6% increase so far this year, while property crimes registered a 5% upward trend, with 49 additional crimes reported when compared with the same time frame in 2019.

The slight incline for violent crime (+6%) can be attributed to a series of street robberies of food delivery drivers during February and the identified trend since the first week of May of homeless-versus-homeless predatory crimes. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jose Bermudez was arrested for the fatal daylight stabbing of a homeless man in Central Square on April 14. Bermudez is being held without bail. This was the first and only murder in Cambridge since January of 2019.

When measuring the serious crime totals of June versus the previous month of May of 2020, there was a minor upswing of 5% in the number of index incidents with 10 additional crimes counted in the sixth month of this year. The jump from 11 aggravated assaults in May to 18 in June, and the increase in larcenies of bicycles, shopliftings, and auto thefts when compared with the previous month, were the key indicators fueling this incline. After 14 weeks of comparative data to analyze the effect that COVID-19 and social distancing are having on the crime rate in our City, the following emerging trends have been identified: larcenies from unlocked vehicles, thefts of packages, psychiatric-related calls, a wave of commercial burglaries, an explosion in calls for service for fireworks, and a deluge of unemployment frauds.

	<u>4 Week Snapshot</u>			<u>Year to Date</u>			<u>Five Year</u>	
	5/5/20 - 6/1/20	6/2/20 - 6/29/20	Change	2019	2020	Change	Avg	Change
Total Violent Crime	16	27	69%	126	133	6%	136	-2%
Total Property Crime	181	180	-1%	928	977	5%	959	2%
Total Part I Crime	197	207	5%	1054	1110	5%	1094	1%



# Part I Property Crime

A review of property crime totals for the first two quarters of 2020 identifies a 5% increase when measured against the 2019 totals and a slight uptick of 2% above the five-year average, with 49 additional incidents measured above June 29<sup>th</sup> of last year and 18 crimes above the 959 reports forecasted for this time period.

Eight of the major property crime categories registered inclines when measured against the first six months of 2019, most notably a 54% rise in larcenies from residences. Other property crimes registering upticks when compared with the first half of last year include: commercial breaks (+200%); larceny from motor vehicles (+44%); and larceny of bicycles (+12%).

	4 Week Snapshot				Year to Date				Five Year	
	5/5/20 - 6/1/20	6/2/20 - 6/29/20	Change		2019	2020	Change		Avg	Change
<b>Burglary</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-15%</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>49%</b>		<b>120</b>	<b>-16%</b>
Commercial Break	7	8	14%		12	36	200%		23	57%
Housebreak	13	9	-31%		56	65	16%		97	-33%
<b>Larceny</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>-5%</b>		<b>810</b>	<b>835</b>	<b>3%</b>		<b>793</b>	<b>5%</b>
Larceny (Misc)	1	4	300%		11	16	45%		17	-6%
Larceny from Building	2	4	100%		126	76	-40%		139	-45%
Larceny from MV	52	38	-27%		123	177	44%		128	38%
Larceny from Person	4	7	75%		77	45	-42%		81	-44%
Larceny from Residence	47	26	-45%		124	191	54%		114	68%
Larceny of Bicycle	42	51	21%		168	188	12%		127	48%
Larceny of Plate	2	2	0%		12	4	-67%		12	-67%
Larceny of Services	0	0	IN-CALC		5	2	-60%		10	-80%
Shoplifting	6	16	167%		164	136	-17%		166	-18%
<b>Auto Theft</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>200%</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>-18%</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>-9%</b>
<b>Total Property Crime</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>-1%</b>		<b>928</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>5%</b>		<b>959</b>	<b>2%</b>



# Part I Violent Crime

From January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> of 2020, there were 133 violent crimes recorded in Cambridge, seven incidents above last year (+6%) and three violent crimes (-2%) below the 136 forecasted for the first six months of the year.

There were 32 robberies counted over the first two quarters of 2020, seven categorized as commercial and 25 classified as street incidents, pointing to an increase of six incidents (+23%) when compared with 2019. There has not been a bank robbery in Cambridge since July of 2018. After recording just one rape over the first two months of the year, eight sexual assaults have been reported since then for a total of nine thus far in 2020. The five-year average for the first six months of the year translates to 11 rapes forecasted for the first two quarters.

The slight incline for violent crime (+6%) can be attributed to a series of street robberies of food delivery drivers during February and the identified trend since the first week of May of homeless versus homeless predatory crimes. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jose Bermudez was arrested for the fatal daylight stabbing of a homeless man in Central Square on April 14. Bermudez is being held without bail. This was the first and only murder in Cambridge since January of 2019.

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	5/5/20 - 6/1/20	6/2/20 - 6/29/20	Change	2019	2020	Change	Avg	Change
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0	IN-CALC	1	1	0%	1	0%
<b>Rape</b>	0	2	IN-CALC	10	9	-10%	11	-18%
<b>Robbery</b>	5	7	40%	26	32	23%	35	-9%
Commercial Robbery	0	1	IN-CALC	4	7	75%	12	-42%
Street Robbery	5	6	20%	22	25	14%	23	9%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	11	18	64%	89	91	2%	88	3%
<b>Total Violent Crime</b>	16	27	69%	126	133	6%	136	-2%



# MURDER

*No Patterns*

- On April 23 of 2020, Jose Bermudez was arrested for the fatal daylight stabbing of a homeless man in Central Square on April 14. Bermudez is being held without bail. This was the first and only murder in Cambridge since January of 2019.
- There was one murder recorded in Cambridge in 2019. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office and the Cambridge Police are asking for the public's assistance regarding the ongoing investigation into the fatal incident that occurred in the New Street area of Danehy Park around 6:30PM on the night of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. This incident is being investigated as a homicide. The preliminary investigation suggests that the victim, 60-year-old Paul Wilson, died as a result of blunt force trauma and that robbery does not appear to have been the motive.
- On July 22, 2018, 15-year-old Richelle Robinson of Cambridge died following an assault in which she was shoved to the ground on Cambridge Street. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner later ruled the cause of death to be blunt force trauma. On July 30, 2019, following an investigation by the Cambridge Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police, and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, Isaias Plaza (4/7/00, homeless) was arraigned on charges of manslaughter and assault and battery causing serious bodily injury in connection with Robinson's death.
- For the 30-year period between 1960 and 1989, the City of Cambridge averaged slightly less than five murders per year. The annual average since 1990 has fallen to approximately two per year.

## Percent Change\*

Last 4 Weeks

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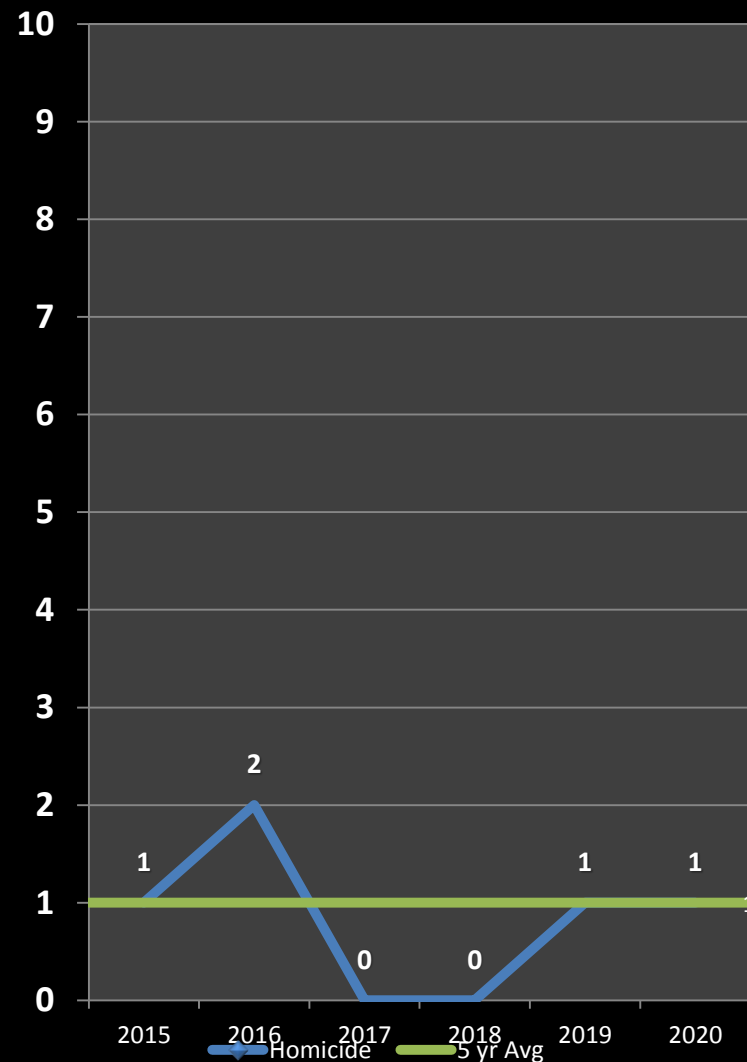
Previous Year

**0%**

5-Year Average

**0%**

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# Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2019

**Colin Burton**, 30, of Dorchester, was shot and killed outside of Hi - Fi Pizza on Mass Ave in Central Square on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 1999. Burton was talking with the occupants of a Ford Explorer when the subject in the passenger seat fired through the window. Two suspects fled the scene. The case remains under active investigation.



September 18, 1999, Mass Ave



April 5, 2002, Mass Ave

**Ian Gray**, 19, of Mattapan, was in an argument outside of the Rhythm & Spice restaurant that spilled out onto Mass Ave. A suspect that had left the scene returned with a group of people and a fight ensued. A knife was produced during the altercation and four gunshots were fired, fatally wounding Gray. This case remains open.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 7:00PM, **Ricardo Williams**, 27, of Malden, was found in the driver's seat of a motor vehicle suffering from a gunshot wound to his face. Williams was taken to CCH where he was pronounced dead. This case remains open.



June 17, 2002, Windsor St.



June 16, 2009, Rindge Ave

**Jason Ellcock**, 33, of Malden, formerly of Cambridge and father of three, was found with multiple gunshot wounds in front of the driveway to 364 Rindge Ave at 3:05 AM on the night of June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He was pronounced dead at the scene. This incident remains under investigation.

**\*Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to contact CPD at 617-349-3370.\***



# Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2019



March 12, 2011, Brookline St.

**James Lauture**, 30, of Cambridge, was sitting in a vehicle near Brookline and Watson Streets just after midnight on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, when an unknown gunman opened fire. The occupants in the car were able to drive to Central Square. Lauture died from multiple gunshot wounds. The other man in the vehicle survived. This case remains open.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012, **Charlene Holmes**, 16, of Cambridge, was shot while sitting on a porch on Willow St. She later succumbed to her wounds at the hospital. The investigation into this incident remains active, but no arrests have been made to date.



June 3, 2012, Willow St



July 3, 2014, Windsor Street.

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, at 10:00 PM, **Kensley David**, 22, suffered a single gunshot wound to the head while on Windsor Street. Investigators believe that the incident was not random. This case remains under investigation.

The first murder of 2016 in Cambridge occurred on the night of March 22<sup>nd</sup> when **Armando Hernandez Jr**, 30, of Belmont was killed by gunfire on Mt. Auburn St just before 10 PM. Area residents said they heard 10 or 11 gunshots. A second victim was hospitalized with a leg wound. This case remains under investigation.



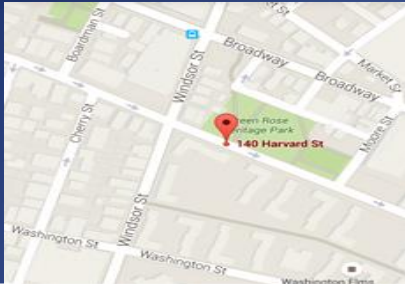
March 22, 2016, Mt Auburn St

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## Unsolved Murders: 1999 to 2019



June 25, 2016, 140 Harvard St.

On June 25<sup>th</sup> of 2016, Cambridge Police responded to a report of a shooting outside of 140 Harvard Street. Arriving officers discovered the victim, **Anthony Clay**, 49, of Cambridge suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. This case remains under investigation.

At 3:40 a.m. on October 14, 2017, **Ednilson DaCosta**, 28, of Dorchester, was shot in a motor vehicle in the area of Windsor Street & Evereteze Way. He was pronounced deceased at a local hospital. Minutes later, another male was shot and killed in Somerville. On November 3, 2017, Tony Harris, 28, of Everett, was arrested for the Somerville homicide, but the murder of Ednilson DaCosta remains under investigation.



October 14, 2017, Windsor St.



January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, Danahy Park

Around 6:30PM on the night of January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, a fatal incident occurred in the New Street area of Danahy Park. This incident was classified as a homicide. The investigation suggests that the victim, 60-year-old **Paul Wilson**, died as a result of blunt force trauma and that robbery does not appear to have been the motive. This case remains under investigation.

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# RAPE

*No Patterns*

- After recording 10 rapes over the first two quarters of 2019, there has been a slip down to nine sexual assaults counted through June 29<sup>th</sup> of 2020. Two of these incidents have been categorized as domestic situations, six were classified as acquaintance assaults, and one was a blitz scenario involving an incident in the Alewife section of the City that remains under investigation.
- Given the tendency for rape statistics to fluctuate each year, projecting future totals is a risky business at best. The actual number of stranger-to-stranger rapes each year in Cambridge—between one and five—remains extremely low.

## Percent Change\*

Last 4 Weeks

**0%**

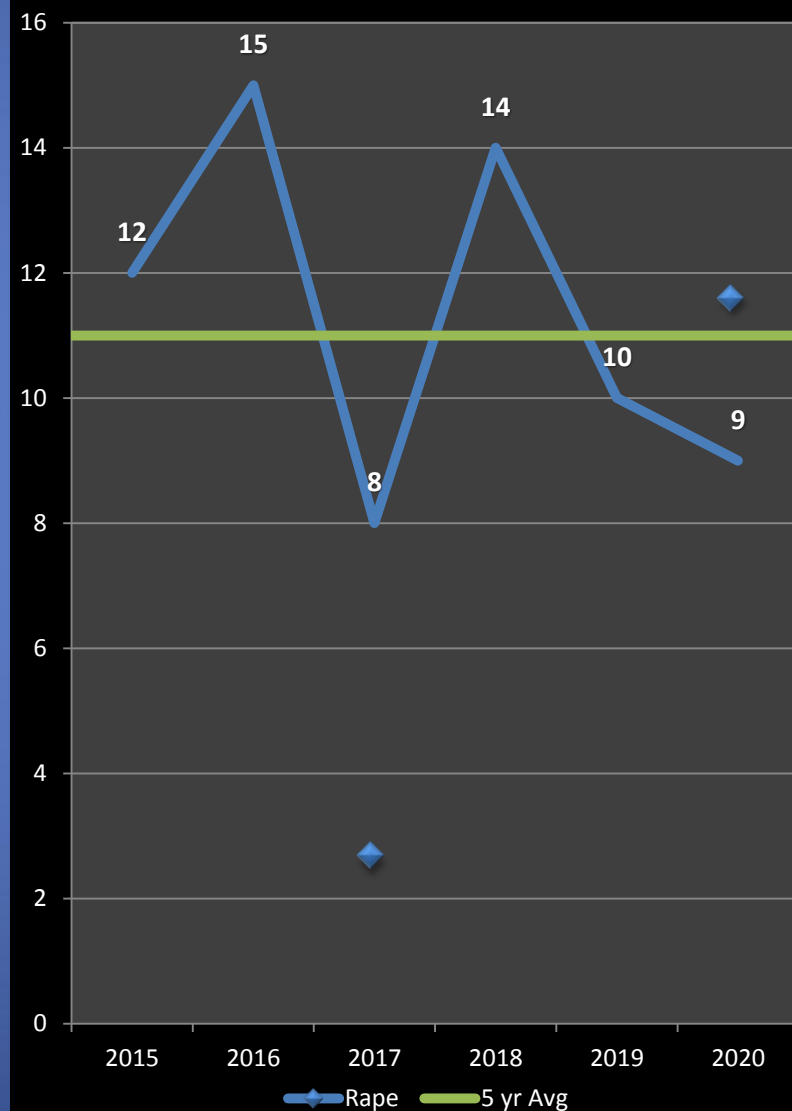
Previous Year

**-10%**

5-Year Average

**-18%**

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# AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

*No Patterns*

- The aggravated assault total for the first two quarters 2020 is two incidents (+6%) above the total for the same time period in 2019. The 91 aggravated assaults reported over the first six months of the year is three crimes above (+3%) the 88 incidents forecasted for the five year average.
- The 91 aggravated assaults reported through June 29<sup>th</sup> of 2020 were composed of the following classifications: 24 domestic altercations; 4 workplace incidents; 20 unprovoked scenarios; 17 homeless assaults; 11 altercations between acquaintances, 3 juvenile fights, and 1 between a shop owner and patron, 2 road rage, 7 affrays and 2 assaults against police officers.
- There were two reports of shots fired through the first six months of 2020. Through the same time period in 2019, there were six shots fired incidents without injury and one shooting with a non-fatal injury reported.
- There has been a sharp increase (+53%) in homeless related assaults in 2020 compared to last year. Thirteen of the 17 homeless assaults during the first six months of the year were concentrated in and around the periphery of Central Square. Nine of those occurred since the start of the COVID-19 period in mid-March.
- Aggravated assaults categorized as domestic in nature have increased by 50% from 16 to 24 incidents when compared with the first two quarters of 2019.

## Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

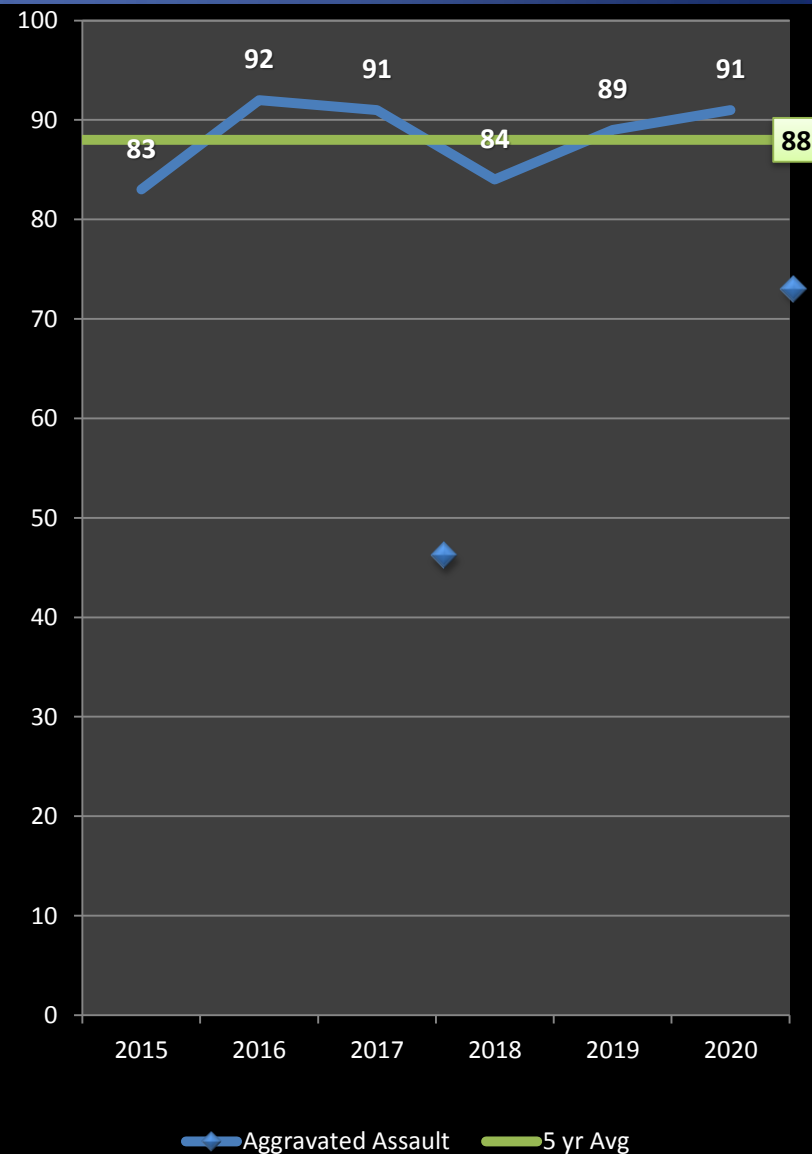
**+64%**

Previous Year

**+2%**

5-Year Average

**+3%**

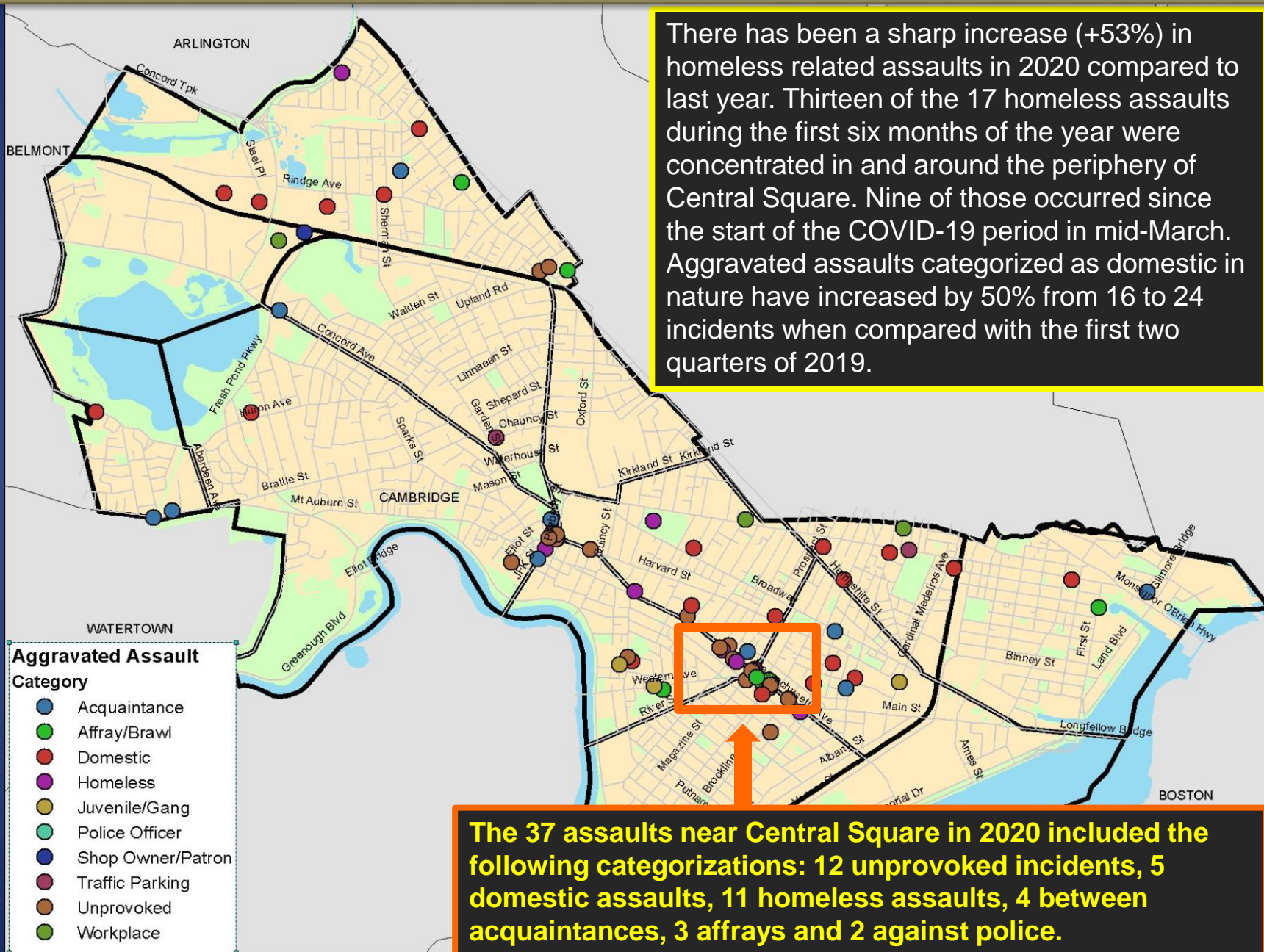




# Geographic Breakdown of Aggravated Assaults: 1.1.20 to 6.29.20

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# Shootings & Shots Fired in Cambridge: 1.1.20 – 6.29.20

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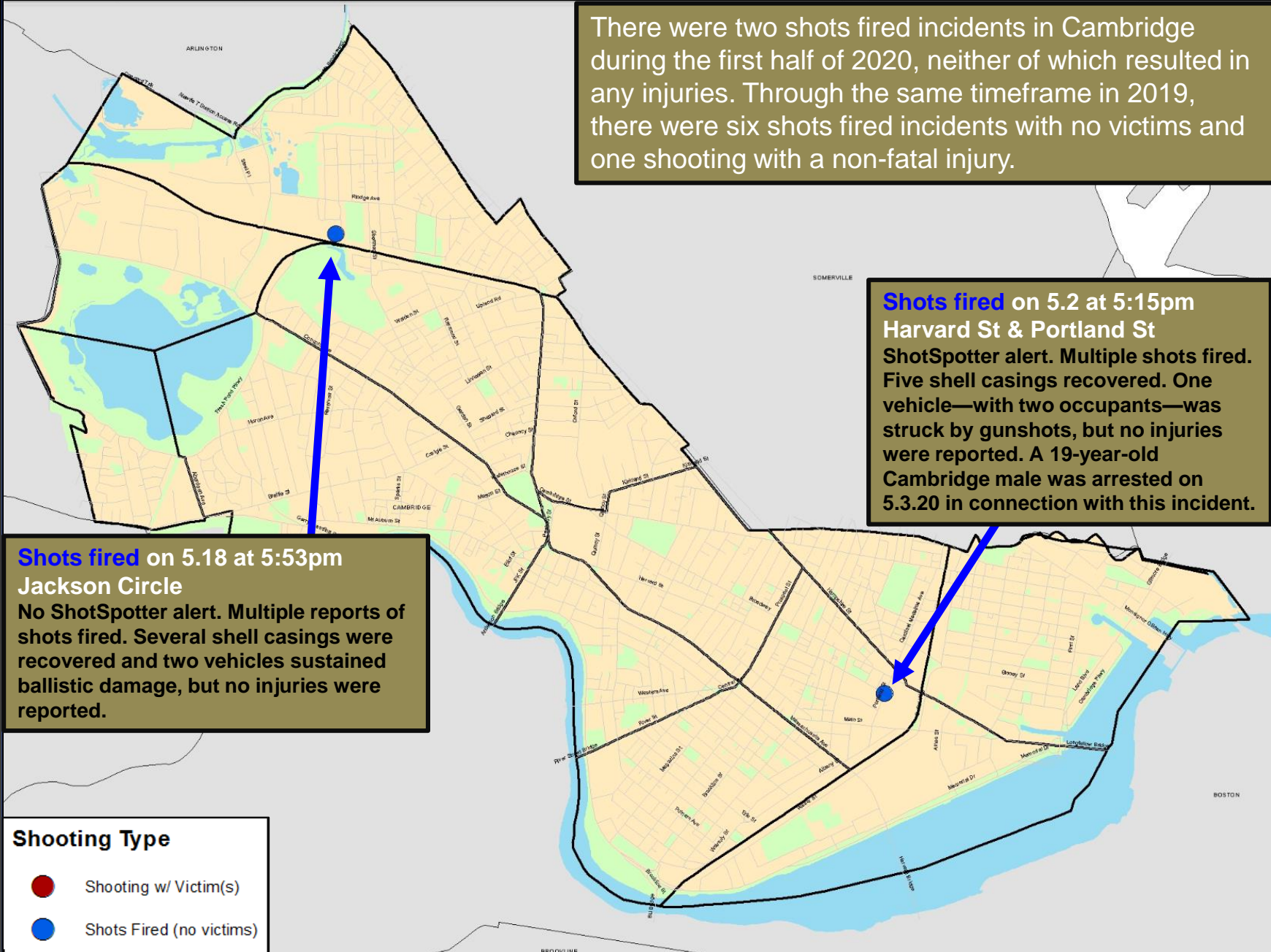
There were two shots fired incidents in Cambridge during the first half of 2020, neither of which resulted in any injuries. Through the same timeframe in 2019, there were six shots fired incidents with no victims and one shooting with a non-fatal injury.

**Shots fired on 5.2 at 5:15pm**  
**Harvard St & Portland St**  
ShotSpotter alert. Multiple shots fired. Five shell casings recovered. One vehicle—with two occupants—was struck by gunshots, but no injuries were reported. A 19-year-old Cambridge male was arrested on 5.3.20 in connection with this incident.

**Shots fired on 5.18 at 5:53pm**  
**Jackson Circle**  
No ShotSpotter alert. Multiple reports of shots fired. Several shell casings were recovered and two vehicles sustained ballistic damage, but no injuries were reported.

**Shooting Type**

- Shooting w/ Victim(s)
- Shots Fired (no victims)







# Robbery

## No Patterns

- The five-year average for overall robbery in Cambridge for the first two quarters of the year is 35 incidents. The total for the first six months of 2020 was 32 crimes, 3 below (-9%) the number forecast for that time period. Over the first half of 2020, the 32 robberies that were recorded translate to a 23% rise above the 26 robberies counted for the first six months of 2019.
- Despite the fact that commercial robberies have increased from four crimes for the first two quarters of 2019 to seven through June 29<sup>th</sup> of 2020 (+75%), this should be weighed against the statistics that last year's total of commercial robberies represented the lowest total for this crime in 50 years. For the first time in recent memory, there has not been a bank robbery committed in Cambridge in over 22 months, and only one commercial robbery has been reported in the past ten weeks.
- Over the first six months of 2020, there have been 25 street robberies, three additional incidents (+14%) than in the same time period last year. The modest incline for street robbery can be attributed to a series of street robberies of food delivery drivers, which resulted in the identification of a pair of local juveniles during February, and a second set of incidents with homeless versus homeless predatory crimes during the first week of May.
- Street robbery increased by one incident from five incidents in May of this year to six crimes in June of 2020. Two of the robberies were on the periphery of Central Square and two were homeless versus homeless scenarios in Harvard Sq.

### Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

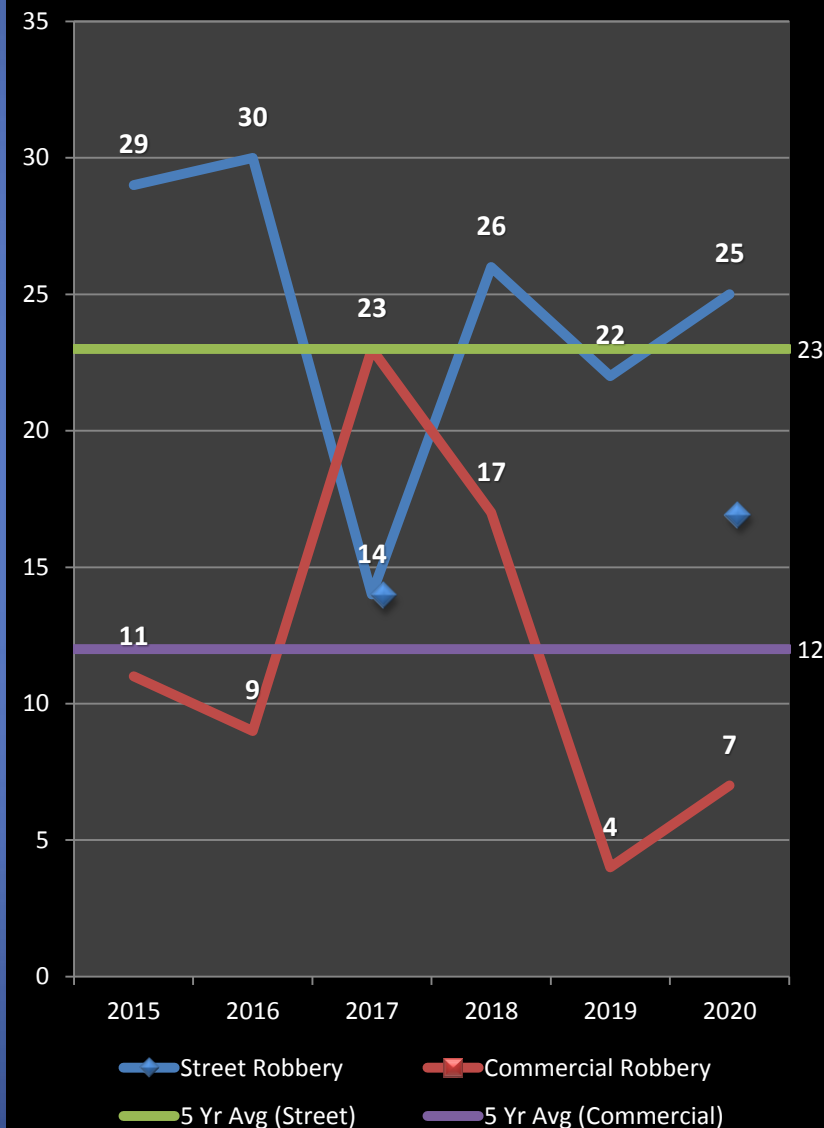
**+40%**

Previous Year

**+23%**

5-Year Average

**-9%**





# Geographic Breakdown of Street Robberies: 1.1.20 to 6.29.20

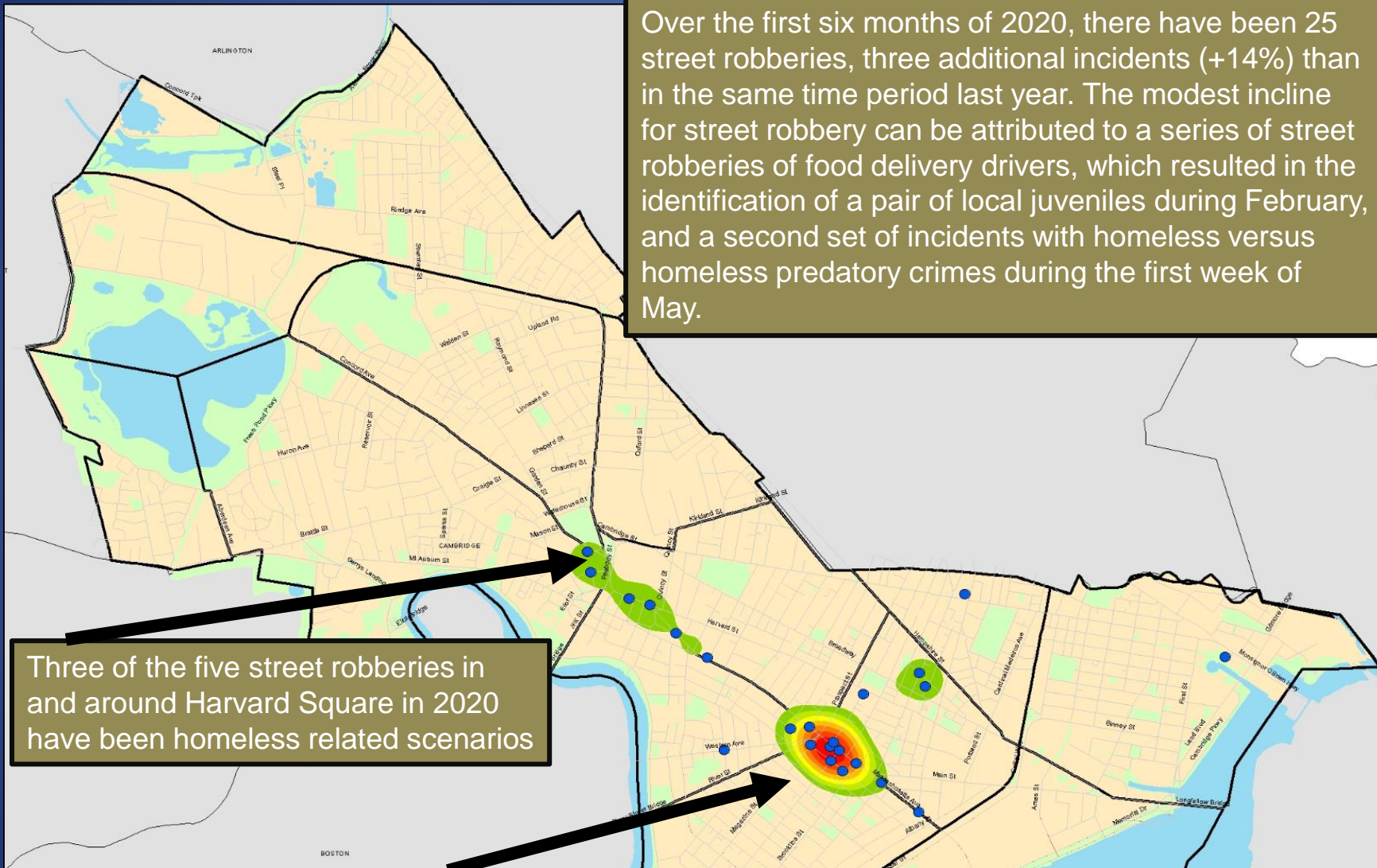
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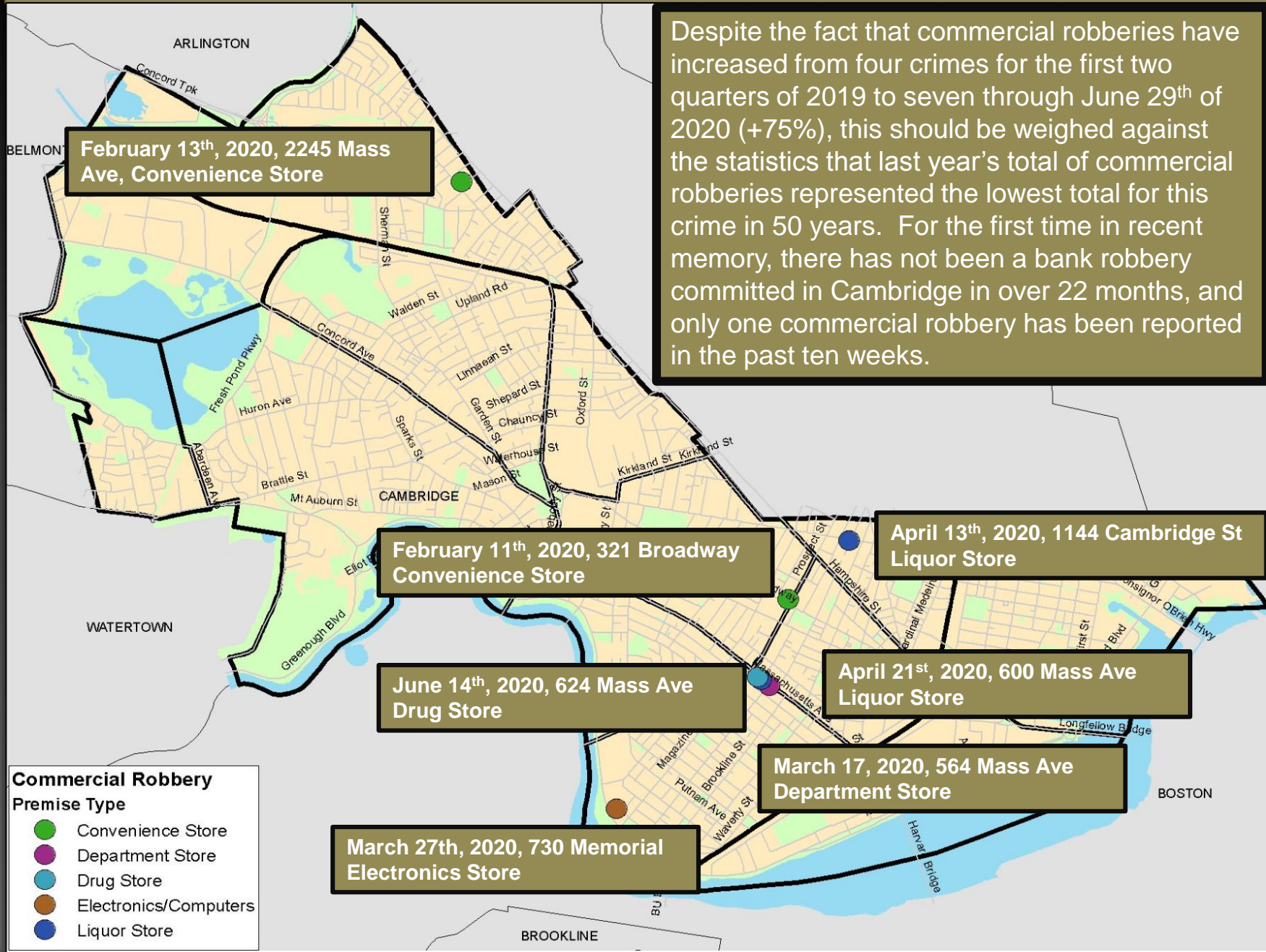
Three of the five street robberies in and around Harvard Square in 2020 have been homeless related scenarios

Breakdown of street robberies in Central Square during the first two quarters of 2020: There have been 12 street robberies in this area so far in 2020 representing 48% percent of the Citywide total this year. Breakdown – 2 homeless, 6 predatory, 1 acquaintance and 3 pack robberies. Seven of these incidents have occurred since the start of the COVID-19 period.





## Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Robberies: 1.1.20 to 6.29.20







# Burglary

## No Patterns

- The property index crime of burglary, the combination of residential and commercial breaks, has recorded a significant increase of 49% above the first two quarters of last year. The total in 2019 registered a historically low total of 68 incidents for the first six months of the year. When measured versus the five-year average of 120 burglaries, the total of 101 incidents in 2020 reveals a 19 incident decrease (-16%) below the forecasted number for this time frame.
- After recording zero commercial burglaries during January of 2020 in Cambridge, a regional pattern of smash and grabs targeting gas stations and convenience stores materialized across Eastern Mass. This series, which included four breaks into Cambridge businesses, was eradicated with the arrest of a Malden resident at the end of February. Since the start of the COVID-19 period this crime has been on the rise.
- Currently, there are no housebreak patterns in Cambridge. However, when compared with last year's near historically low total of 56 incidents for the first six months of the year, a moderate 16% increase has been registered with nine additional crimes reported. 44 of the 65 housebreaks counted in 2020 have been in the lower-half of the City.
- Over the first three weeks of January, a housebreak and larceny series surfaced in the lower half of Cambridge. The majority of these incidents were occurring overnight into unlocked homes and sheds with bicycles the main target of a group of homeless suspects. Arrests were made for receiving stolen property and the pattern has been slowed but sporadic incidents persist.

### Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

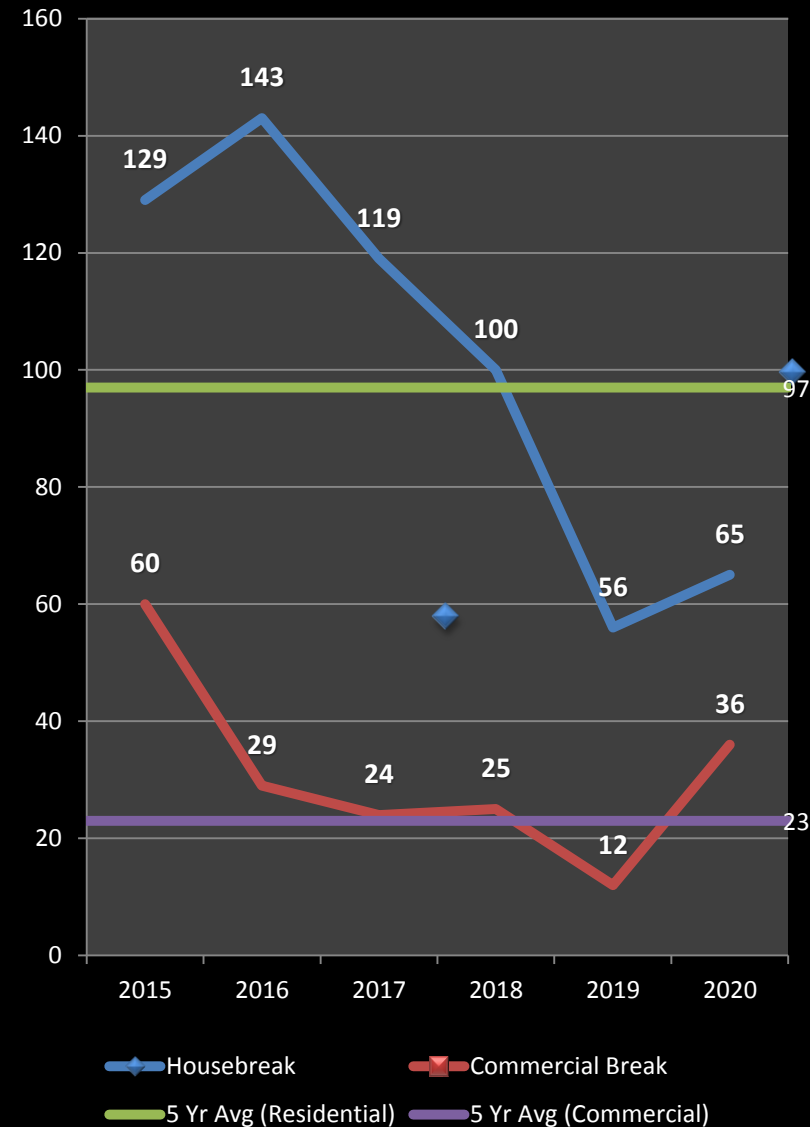
-15%

Previous Year

+49%

5-Year Average

-16%







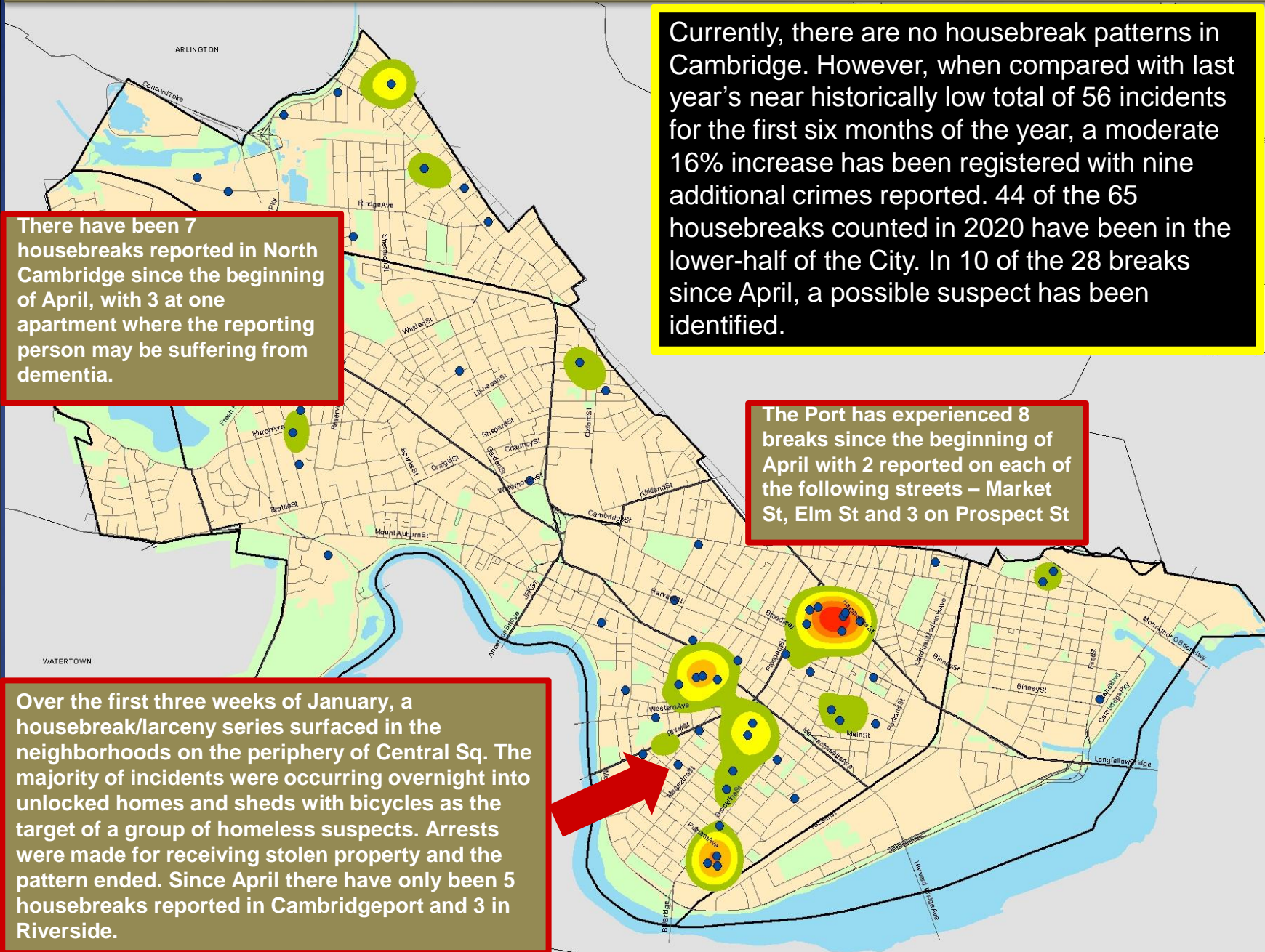
# Geographic Breakdown of Housebreaks: 1.1.20 to 6.29.20

There have been 7 housebreaks reported in North Cambridge since the beginning of April, with 3 at one apartment where the reporting person may be suffering from dementia.

Currently, there are no housebreak patterns in Cambridge. However, when compared with last year's near historically low total of 56 incidents for the first six months of the year, a moderate 16% increase has been registered with nine additional crimes reported. 44 of the 65 housebreaks counted in 2020 have been in the lower-half of the City. In 10 of the 28 breaks since April, a possible suspect has been identified.

The Port has experienced 8 breaks since the beginning of April with 2 reported on each of the following streets – Market St, Elm St and 3 on Prospect St

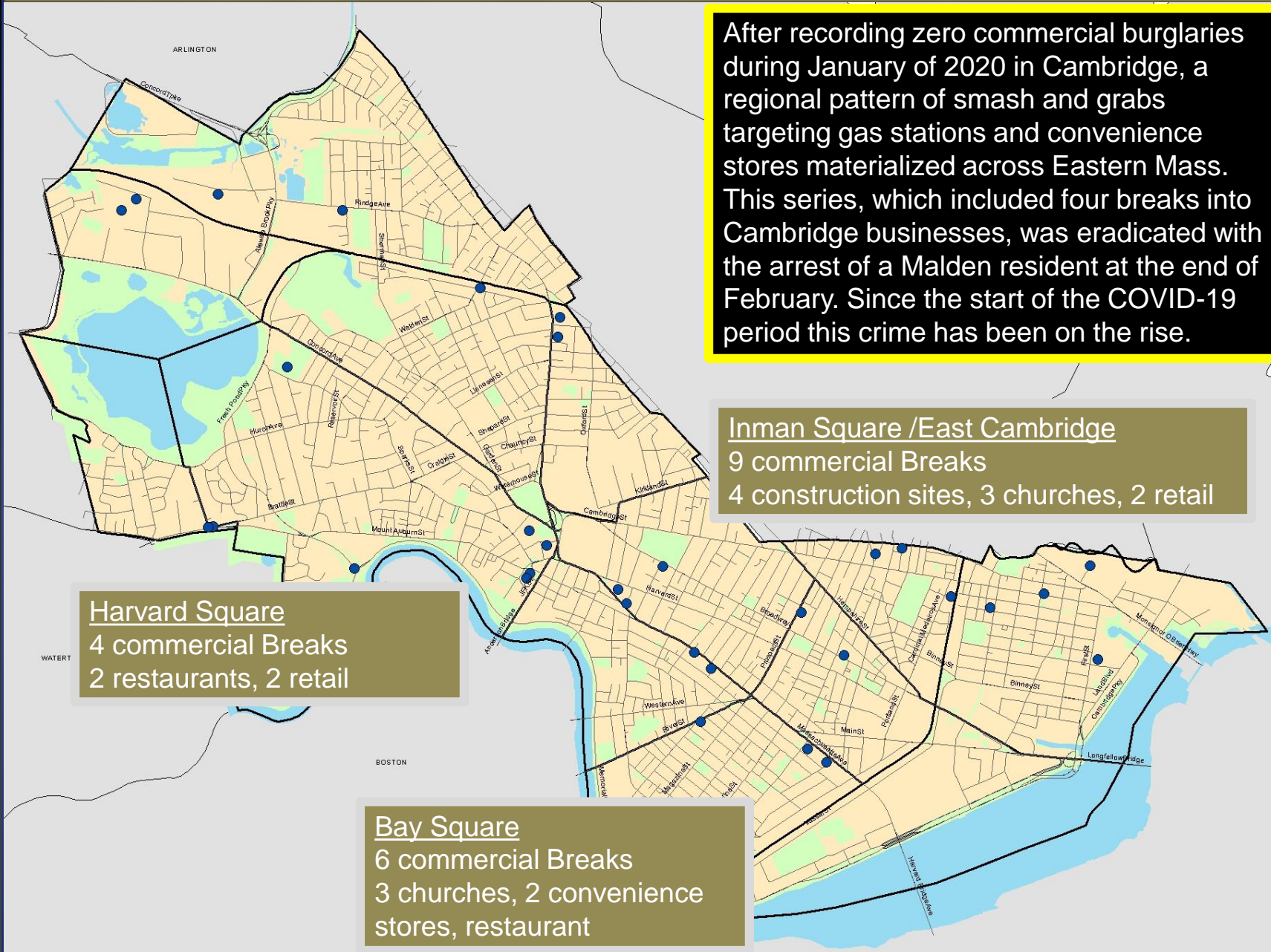
Over the first three weeks of January, a housebreak/larceny series surfaced in the neighborhoods on the periphery of Central Sq. The majority of incidents were occurring overnight into unlocked homes and sheds with bicycles as the target of a group of homeless suspects. Arrests were made for receiving stolen property and the pattern ended. Since April there have only been 5 housebreaks reported in Cambridgeport and 3 in Riverside.





# Geographic Breakdown of Commercial Breaks: 1.1.20 to 6.29.20

After recording zero commercial burglaries during January of 2020 in Cambridge, a regional pattern of smash and grabs targeting gas stations and convenience stores materialized across Eastern Mass. This series, which included four breaks into Cambridge businesses, was eradicated with the arrest of a Malden resident at the end of February. Since the start of the COVID-19 period this crime has been on the rise.







# LARCENY

*No Patterns*

- **Overall larceny for the first half of 2020 registered at 835 incidents (3%) above the same time frame in 2019.** The total of 835 larcenies reported year-to-date in 2020 is also 5% above the 5-year average of 793 incidents through 6/29.
- **There were 177 larcenies from MVs reported through June 29, 2020, 54 incidents above the number reported** during the same time frame in 2019. This property crime is also up 38% above the 5-year average of 128.
- **Through the first six months of 2020, there have been 45 larcenies from the person reported in Cambridge, down 32 incidents (42%) below the same time in 2019.** Central Square has seen the most activity with 18 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 9.
- **There have been 76 larcenies from buildings reported through 6/29 of 2020.** This is 50 incidents (40%) below the same time frame in 2019 and 63 incidents (45%) below the 5-year average. Thefts from lockers at local gyms were one of the most problematic categories for this type of larceny in 2019 and this remained a problem in early 2020 with 9, however with gyms and public buildings closed for a few months, it is no surprise that this category has plummeted.
- **Larcenies from residences are up 54% (67 incidents) through the first six months of 2020 when compared with the same time in 2019.** Package thefts have made up the majority of this crime type in recent years and have remained higher than average in 2020 likely due to the high volume of deliveries during the pandemic, accounting for 75%, or 144 out of the 191 larcenies from residences.
- **Larceny of bicycle numbers continue to rise in 2020 with 20 more bike thefts reported so far in 2020 than the same time in 2019, (+12%).** Bike thefts are also up a substantial 48% (61 thefts) over the five-year average. Cambridgeport has seen the most bike thefts year-to-date with 34 incidents (18% of the citywide total of 188).

## Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

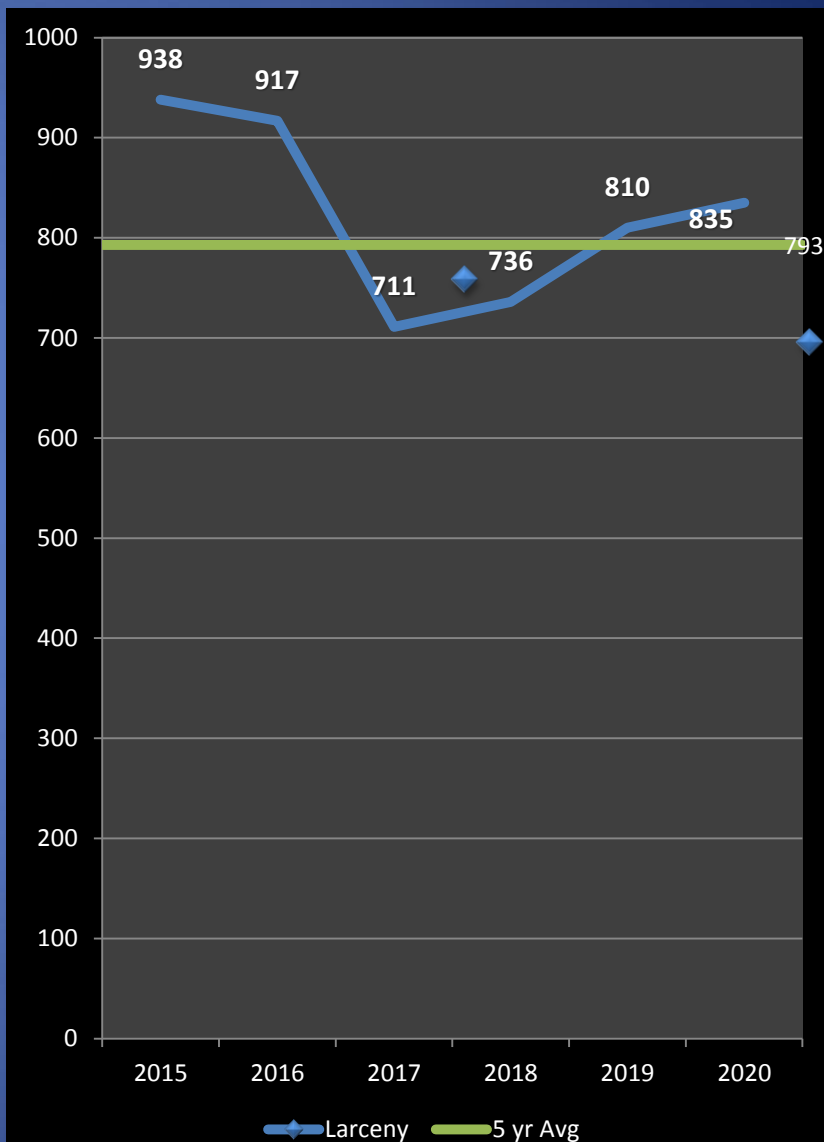
**-5%**

Previous Year

**+3%**

5-Year Average

**+5%**





# LARCENY From MV

*No Patterns*

- The larceny from motor vehicle total for the first six months of 2020 is 177 incidents, which is 44% above the total for the same time period in 2019. The 177 thefts from cars reported over the first two quarters of the year indicate an increase of 49 incidents (+38%) above the number forecasted through the first half of 2020. This upsurge should be tempered by the fact that the numbers through the first two quarters for this crime in Cambridge were at historic lows in 2017 and 2018.
- The neighborhoods with the highest larceny from motor vehicle totals so far in 2020 are: the Port (26), Cambridgeport (25) and East Cambridge (21). The neighborhoods with the lowest totals through the first six months of this year are: Highlands (6), Agassiz (6) and Strawberry Hills (4).
- At least 21 cars were broken into in The Port neighborhood overnight on 6/23 – 6/24. Car windows were smashed and glove boxes/center consoles rifled through. Very little was actually stolen besides loose change, a registration, and a speaker. Incidents were reported on Fiske Place, Columbia, Harvard, Norfolk, Pine, Portsmouth, School, Suffolk, Washington, & Worcester Streets in The Port, and Webster Ave in Inman. The suspect was on a bike and arrived from Windsor Street using a “slim Jim” type tool and breaking the passenger side windows of the vehicles. These calls remain under investigation.
- Over the first two weeks of January, there were six scattered and unrelated larcenies from motor vehicles reported in the City. Over the final 14 days of the month, distinct clusters of activity formed in the Agassiz and North Cambridge neighborhoods. Two arrests since 1.27.20 in these activity areas stopped this series.

## Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

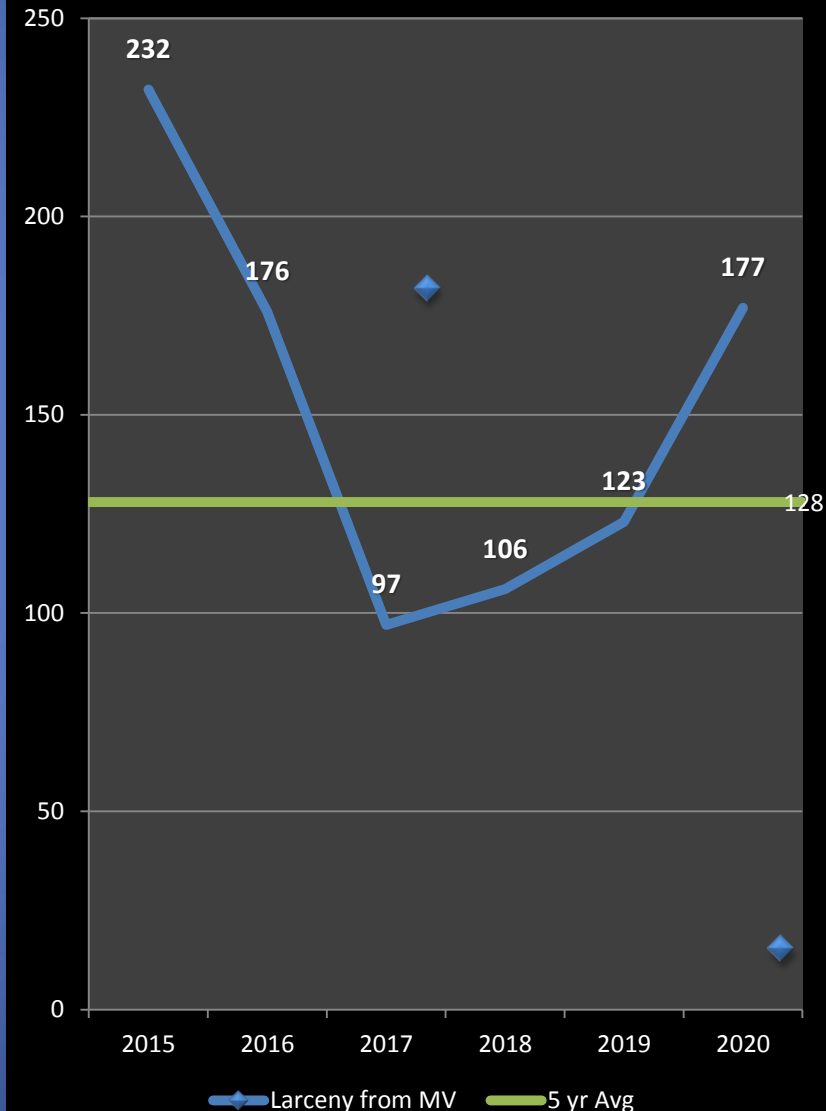
**-27%**

Previous Year

**+44%**

5-Year Average

**+38%**





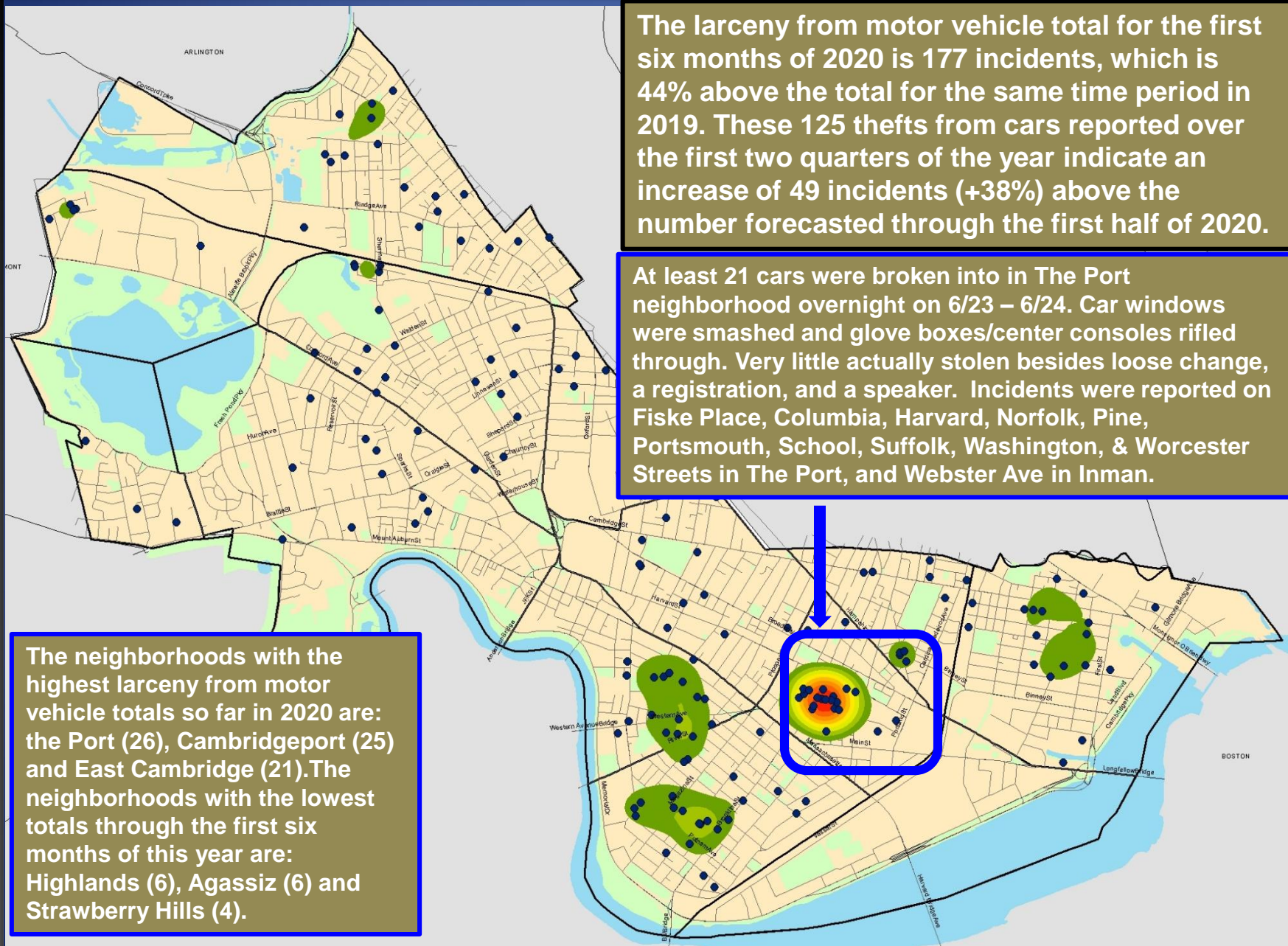


## Geographic Breakdown of Larceny from Motor Vehicles: 1.1.20 – 6.29.20

The larceny from motor vehicle total for the first six months of 2020 is 177 incidents, which is 44% above the total for the same time period in 2019. These 125 thefts from cars reported over the first two quarters of the year indicate an increase of 49 incidents (+38%) above the number forecasted through the first half of 2020.

At least 21 cars were broken into in The Port neighborhood overnight on 6/23 – 6/24. Car windows were smashed and glove boxes/center consoles rifled through. Very little actually stolen besides loose change, a registration, and a speaker. Incidents were reported on Fiske Place, Columbia, Harvard, Norfolk, Pine, Portsmouth, School, Suffolk, Washington, & Worcester Streets in The Port, and Webster Ave in Inman.

The neighborhoods with the highest larceny from motor vehicle totals so far in 2020 are: the Port (26), Cambridgeport (25) and East Cambridge (21). The neighborhoods with the lowest totals through the first six months of this year are: Highlands (6), Agassiz (6) and Strawberry Hills (4).





## LARCENY from Person

### No Patterns

- Through the first six months of 2020, there have been 45 larcenies from the person reported in Cambridge, down significantly by 32 incidents (-42%) compared to the same time period in 2019. When compared to the 5 year average, there has been a decrease of 36 incidents (-44%).
- Central Square has seen the most activity this year with 18 incidents, followed by Harvard Square with 9. These numbers are considerably low because people have not been out at restaurants or shopping due to the pandemic. The higher number in Central Square is mainly due to grab-and-run situations or homeless individuals that may have fallen asleep and had property removed. Over the next few months, there should be an uptick as businesses reopen and people start to resume normal activity.
- Only 19 incidents have been reported citywide since the beginning of April. In comparison, last year there were 44 larcenies from persons from 4/1/19-6/29/19.
- The most common situation in which property has been stolen thus far in 2020 has involved the theft of close but unattended property (17), followed by pocket picking (12).
- A suspect was stopped on 6.20.20 after a male stole a wallet from the table where the victim was dining outside in Central Square.

### Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

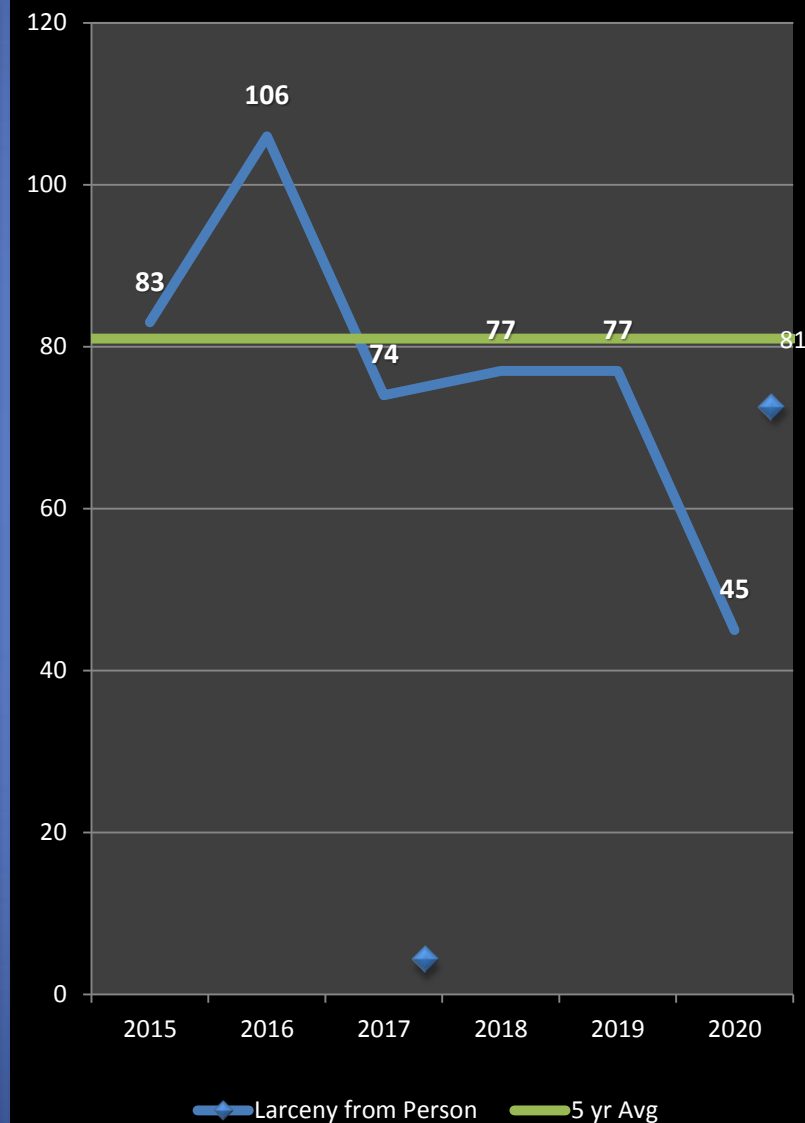
**+75%**

Previous Year

**-42%**

5-Year Average

**-44%**





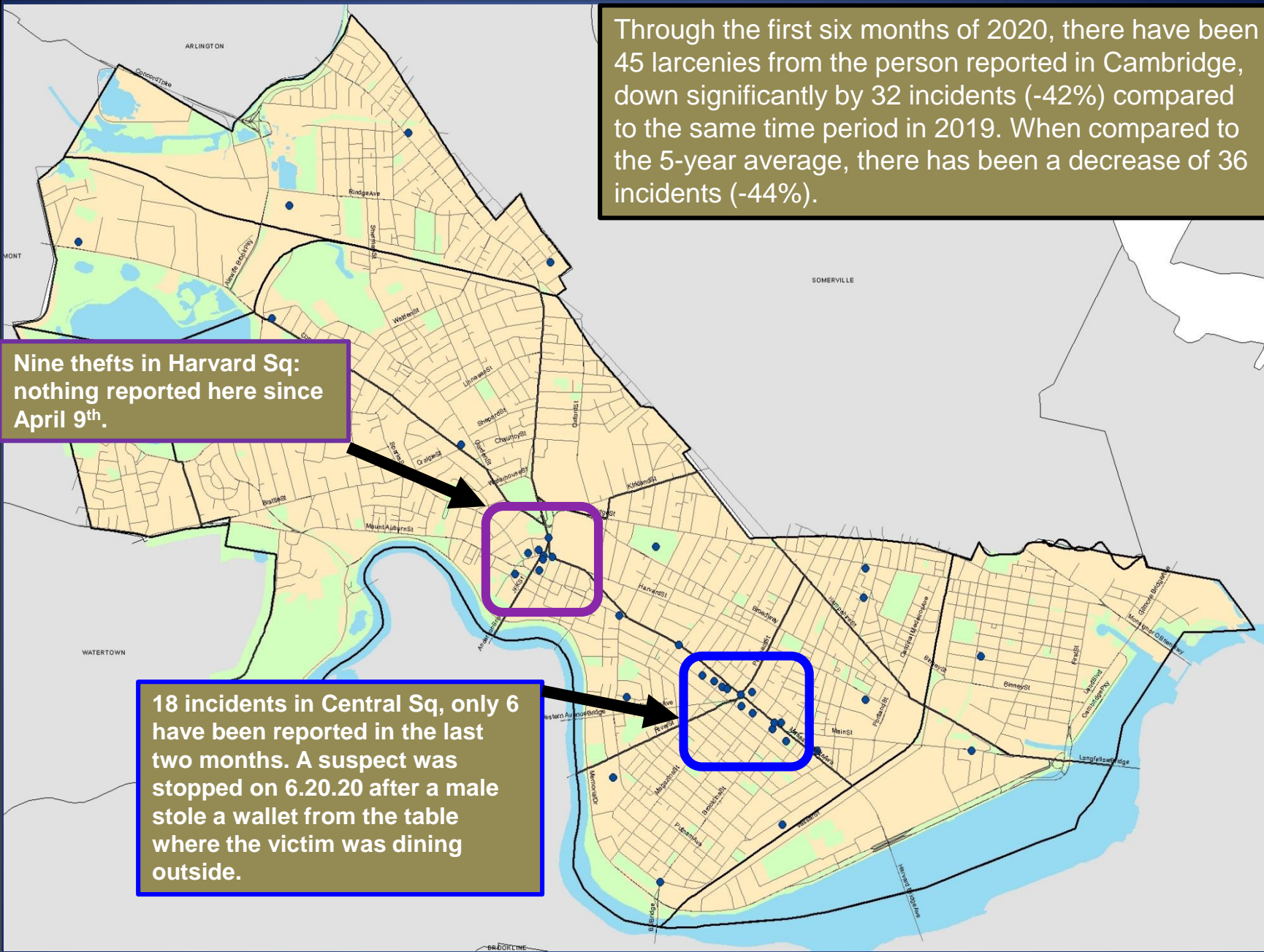


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Nine thefts in Harvard Sq: nothing reported here since April 9<sup>th</sup>.

18 incidents in Central Sq, only 6 have been reported in the last two months. A suspect was stopped on 6.20.20 after a male stole a wallet from the table where the victim was dining outside.





## LARCENY of Bicycle

### No Patterns

- Bike thefts continue to be up (+20 incidents, or 12%) in 2020 when compared with 2019, and up 48% (+61 incidents) above the 5-year average. Of the 188 bike thefts reported thus far in 2020, 140 (74%) were reportedly locked at the time of the theft. These numbers would probably be much higher if Covid had not kept people inside for a number of months and if universities had not shut down.
- The majority of the bike thefts have taken place in the lower half of the city thus far, with only 62 of the 188 reported north of Harvard Square.
- Although the majority of bicycles tend to be stolen from streets, sidewalks, and yards, similar to last year we continue to see an increase in thefts from personal garages, parking garages, and building storage areas.
- There have been a number of homeless individuals that have been found in possession of bikes that were reported stolen. A few bikes have also been recovered when a victim finds their bike for sale online.

#### Top Neighborhoods for Bike Theft in 2020

Neighborhood	YTD Total	% Citywide
Cambridgeport	34	18%
Mid-Cambridge	22	12%
North Cambridge	21	11%
The Port & East Cambridge	20 each	11% each
Riverside	18	10%
Peabody & West Cambridge	14 each	7% each

#### Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

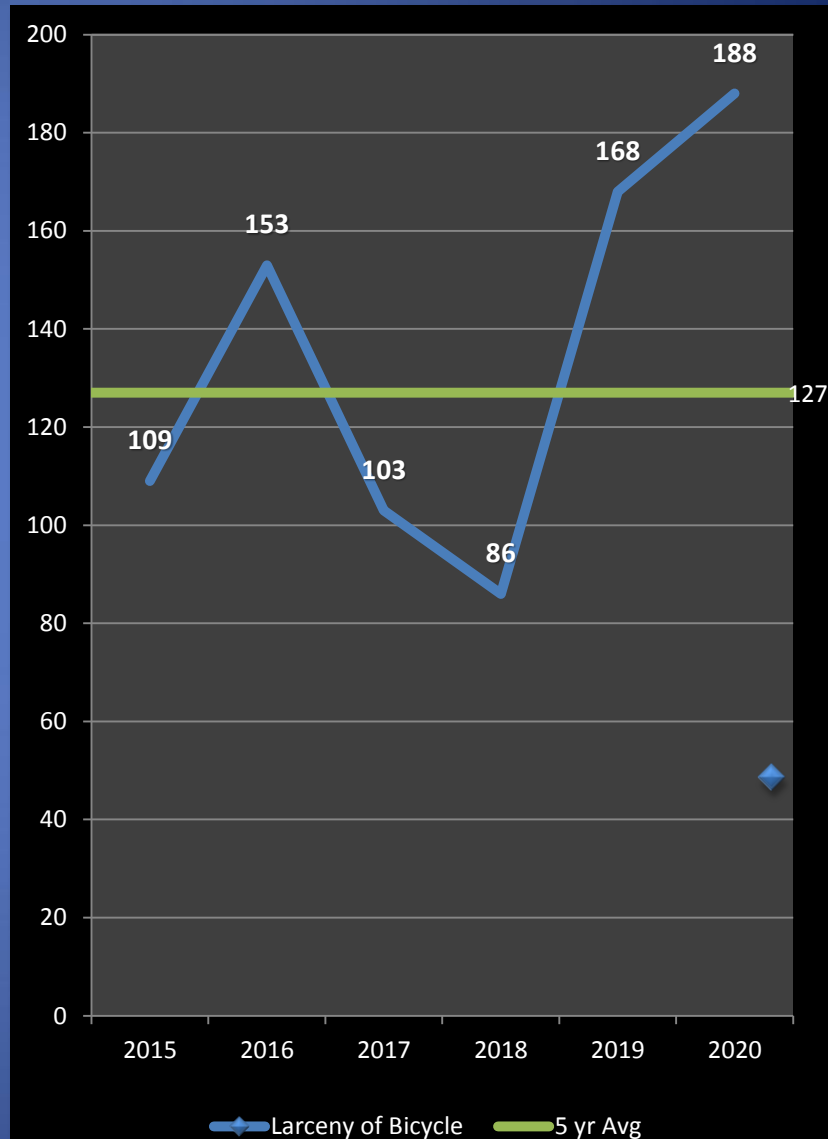
**+21%**

Previous Year

**+12%**

5-Year Average

**+48%**



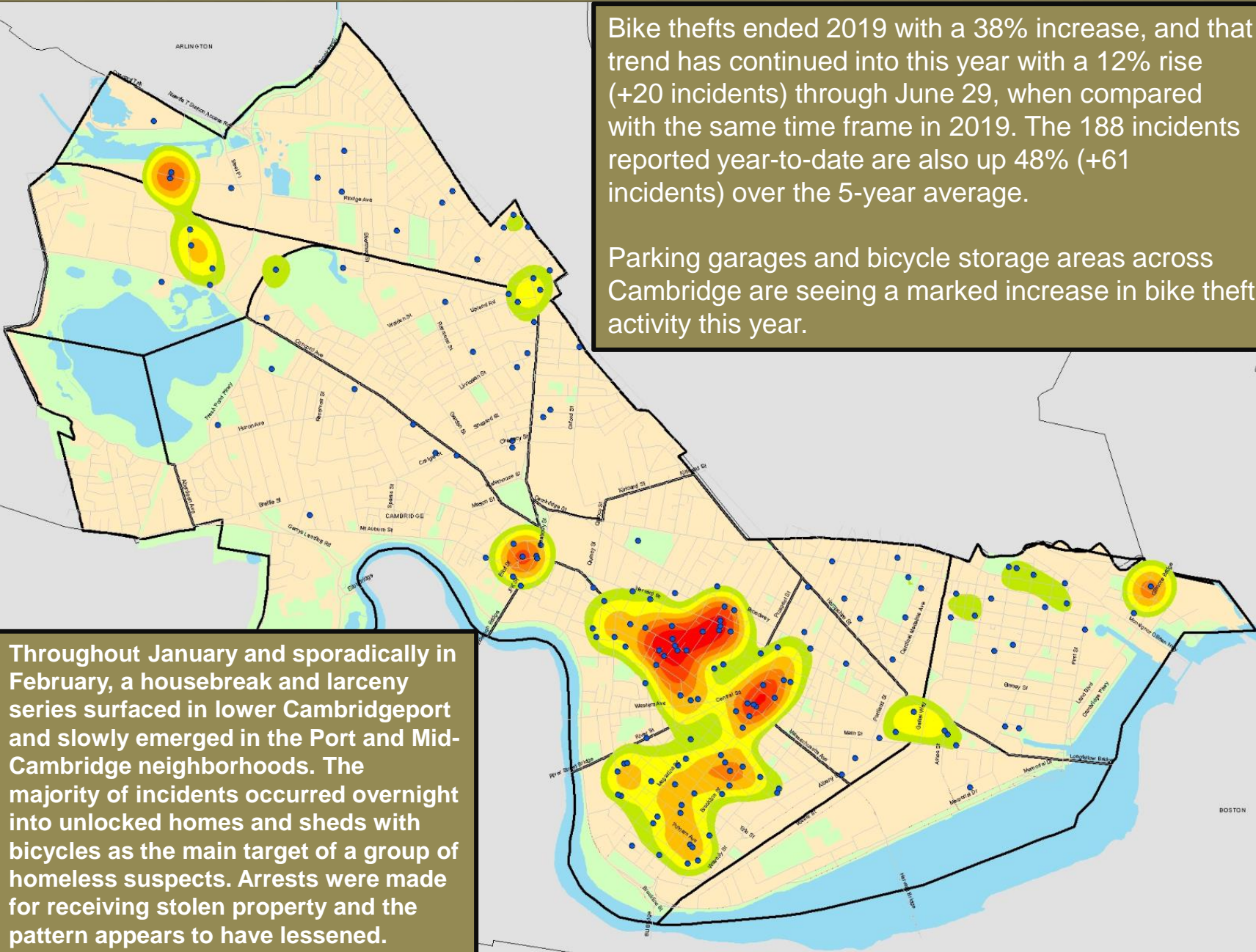




## Geographic Breakdown of Bicycle Theft: 1.1.20 – 6.29.20

Bike thefts ended 2019 with a 38% increase, and that trend has continued into this year with a 12% rise (+20 incidents) through June 29, when compared with the same time frame in 2019. The 188 incidents reported year-to-date are also up 48% (+61 incidents) over the 5-year average.

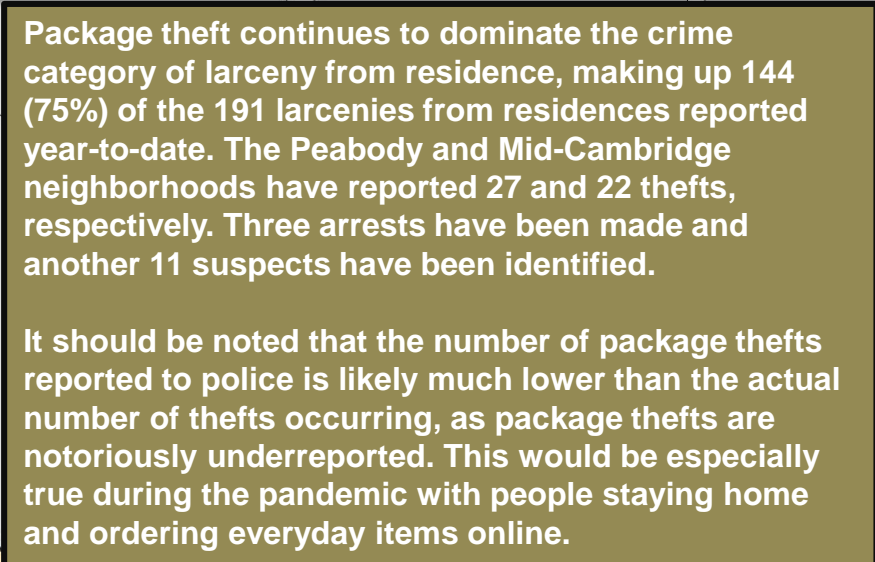
Parking garages and bicycle storage areas across Cambridge are seeing a marked increase in bike theft activity this year.



Throughout January and sporadically in February, a housebreak and larceny series surfaced in lower Cambridgeport and slowly emerged in the Port and Mid-Cambridge neighborhoods. The majority of incidents occurred overnight into unlocked homes and sheds with bicycles as the main target of a group of homeless suspects. Arrests were made for receiving stolen property and the pattern appears to have lessened.



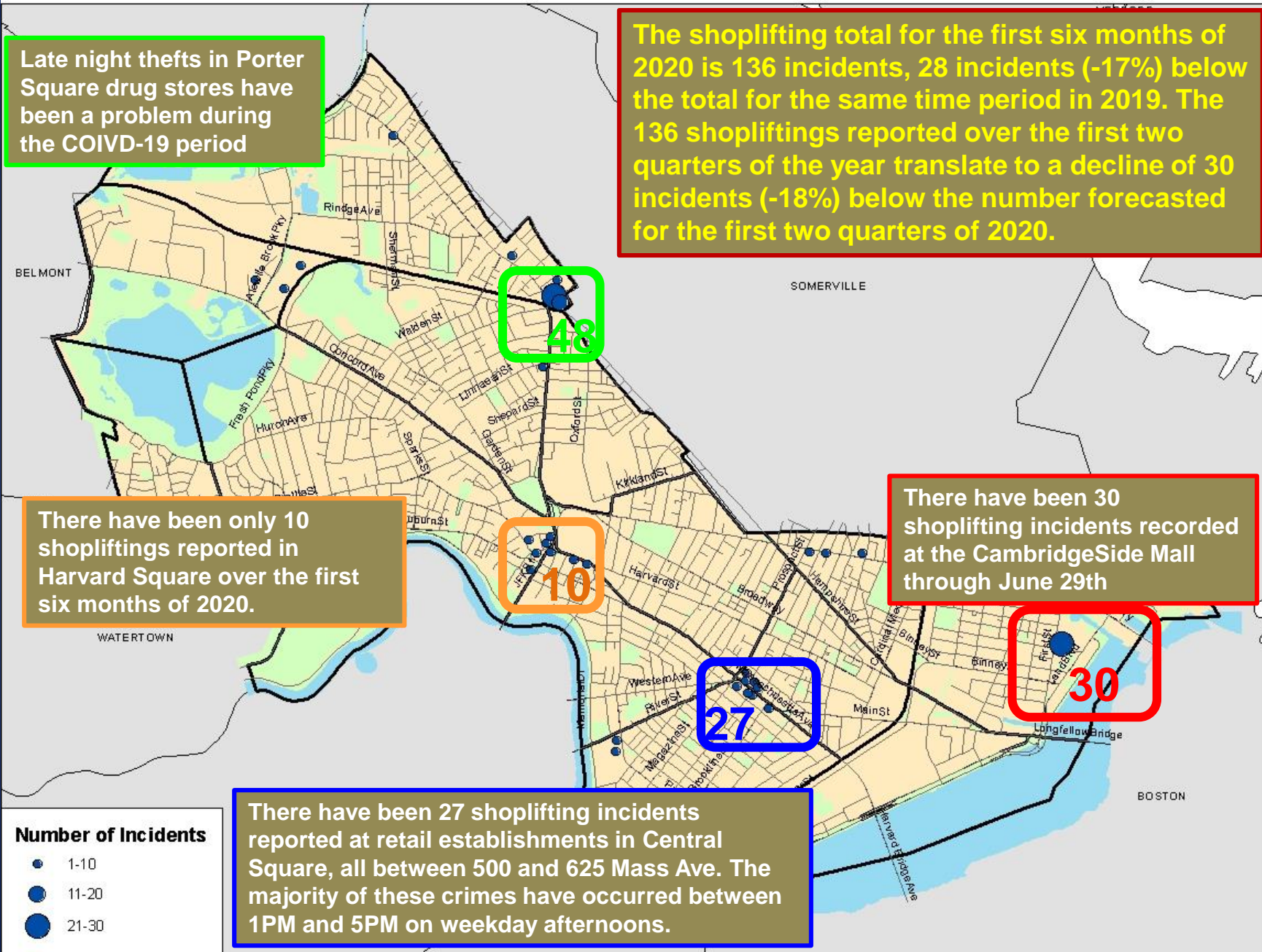
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# Geographic Breakdown of Shoplifting: 1.1.20 – 6.29.20







## AUTO THEFT

*No Patterns*

- The projected 5-year weighted average for auto thefts for the first six months is 45. With 41 reported thus far in 2020, we are down 9% below the average and 18% below the 50 reported during this time frame in 2019.
- When comparing May to June of 2020, there has been an increase of 10 incidents which translates to a 200% jump. This is due at least in part to the warmer weather and a rise in scooter, moped and motorcycle thefts.
- Currently the neighborhood with the largest number of auto thefts thus far in 2020 is North Cambridge with 8, followed by The Port with 6 and a three way tie with 5 each for East Cambridge, Peabody and Riverside. Three neighborhoods have yet to experience a single theft and those are: Strawberry Hill, MIT and Agassiz.
- There have only been 8 auto theft recoveries recorded so far in 2020. This is likely due to the Covid pandemic as less motor vehicle interactions are being performed on a routine basis.

### Percent Change

Last 4 Weeks

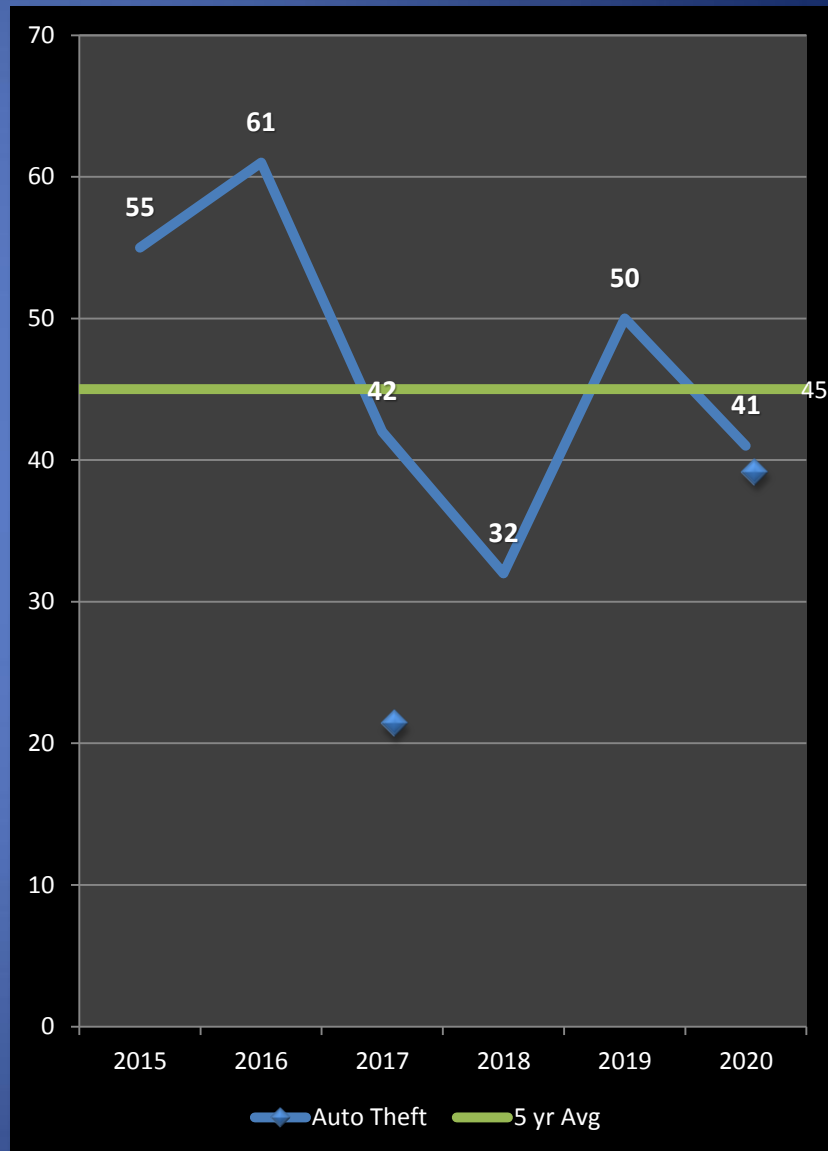
**+200%**

Previous Year

**-18%**

5-Year Average

**-9%**





# Help Prevent Crime

*And keep yourself informed!*

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- Sign up with for the **Cambridge Alert Network**, to receive alerts about emerging crime patterns, neighborhood meetings, and crime prevention tips, by visiting [www.CambridgeMa.gov/AlertNetwork](http://www.CambridgeMa.gov/AlertNetwork).
- “Like” the Cambridge Police Department on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgePolice)
- Follow [@CambridgePolice](https://twitter.com/CambridgePolice) on Twitter.
- Visit our website at [www.CambridgePolice.org](http://www.CambridgePolice.org) for valuable information and reports including the Daily Log and BridgeStat, which is published on the first Friday of every month.
- Download our “MyPD” smartphone app at [www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD](http://www.CambridgePolice.org/MyPD).

## To Share Information with the CPD:

- Call our Non-Emergency Telephone Number at **617-349-3300**.
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- Send an Anonymous TEXT-A-TIP:
  - Send an ANONYMOUS text message to **Tip411 (847411)**. Begin your message with Tip650 and then type your message. You will receive a response from the Cambridge Police with the option to continue communicating. Please remember that this is not a replacement for 9-1-1. **If you witness an emergency situation, please call 9-1-1 immediately.**
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# Questions?

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